

*105.1898 GTP/Gilliland*  
Operative G T Purdy.

Nov. 11th, 1926

Re: "STUMPY" JAMES GILLILAND

Interview with: Charles Dey, Plumber of 19 Bayard St., whose name had been given operative by Mr. J.P. Smith of J.P. Wall (tailors) on George Street) and who is a brother of Ike Dey.

At the home of Charles Dey, operative interviewed him. He stated that his brother Ike Dey is dead. Mr. Dey stated that he knew Stumpy Gilliland well, but was never in his place of business at the brook. That he lived up that way about thirty years ago but moved down town and has lived in the vicinity of Bayard Street since.

He stated that his brother Ike knew Stumpy well and if he were alive he might have been able to supply some information about Gilliland. Mr. Dey also stated that he knows that Julius Erling lived around there and knew Stumpy all his life and was in his place a great deal. He suggested that operative see Julius Erling.

Operative then went to the place of business of Mr. Charles Erling and asked him if he remembered Stumpy Gilliland, who stated that he did, but could not remember the girls whom he kept around the place 27 years ago.

Operative then interviewed Julius Erling in his fish store at 222 French St who stated that he knew Stumpy well and often played cards in the back room with him. He stated that Stumpy always had a lot of girls around the place, who were upstairs most of the time. He often heard someone picking at a banjo, but could not recall Mrs. Gibson under any of her many names. The girls in Gilliland's place were only known and called by their first names, such as Lizzie, May, Rose, Nell, etc. He could not recall our Subject. Operative showed him a picture of Anna King, the "sweet voice singer" but he could not recognize it.

Could get no further information from him, as he could not remember any of the women and girls.

Respectfully submitted:  
G T P